

BICC St Vincent International 2019 Section Winners

The fourth race of the seven International race series with the British International Championship Club was held from St Vincent on the 13th July. The 10597 International birds were liberated at 6:15am UK time into a northerly wind, after a one day holdover due to rain in Belgium, Germany and Holland.



Mark Gilbert 1st Open 1st CS BICC St Vincent International 2019

There was four of the BICC sections that recorded birds to be in the top three and the overall winner, Mark Gilbert was also 1st in the centre section with a son of "New Laureatt" 1st International Barcelona, when paired to a daughter of "Kanibaa Barcelona" 4th International Barcelona and 26th Open Perpignan. His granddam on the sires side is "Olympic Romee" a super racer for Jelle Jellema being 1st Olympiad Marathon in Budapest 2015, 1st international Marathon Europa Cup and 1st National Ace pigeon BOTB 2013. The granddam on his mother's side is a daughter of "New Laureatt" 1st International Barcelona.

Second was Khan Bros from New Malden followed by Mr C Edmiston who took the following three positions. Second centre section was the Khan Brothers in New Malden who said "Firstly we would like to congratulate the winner, and all the Section winners. We had a good race in the end and the returns were ok, our 1st bird was grandchild of our 3rd NFC Tarbes which comes through our "L Ring Hen" lines on both sides. He had been raced two weeks prior from Pau International and then went to St Vincent sitting a big youngster"



In the east section G M Preece & Son were first and third with Geoff Preece sending me the following information “ Our first bird FR 17 310977 called ‘Pou-Pou’ after Raymond Poulidor, is a chequer pied hen raced on a widowhood system and this is her second International of the season after being 94th National from Pau 3 weeks ago. This season she flew the channel three times before being sent to Fougères at a distance of 224 miles with the Kent combine two weeks before Pau, she was rested after Pau with some light loft training with food always being available for her. As a yearling, she flew the channel nine times but only up to 250 miles, so she has already flown fifteen channel crossings including two Internationals making her a very experienced two year old. She was a gift from the loft of three times Europa Marathon Champions (2013/2015/2018) Rezentel Frères she is line bred to ‘46’ 2nd International Dax 2006. Our second bird GB 17 D10205 is a blue white flight cock also raced on a widowhood system and was having his first International. This season he has flown the channel five times including BICC Cholet, 300miles and Messac, 270 miles, with the Kent combine two weeks before the race. As a yearling he flew the channel ten times but only up to 250 miles and he crossed the channel twice as a young bird, so he has already flown eighteen channel crossings. The Sire to this cock is a direct Bernd Morsnowski and the Dam is a direct Stoffel. The dam to this cock also bred us our day bird from Mont De Marsan in 2017 which was 10th National.



Robbie Harris 2nd ES BICC St Vincent International 2019

Robbie Harris was second also winning the greater distance single bird nom club and winning 1st Kent 500 mile club. “He was bred by my good friend John Chipperfield from a grandson of “Euro Diamond” paired with a hen from I Roobol in Holland, an international Perpignan winning man. I was very happy with this, because I bred John the BICC winner from Barcelona and John had bred me this lovely dark cock, he has also bred me a 2nd open 2nd section Mont de Marsan pigeon. The dark cock was also my first timer from Pau International winning 34th open and 9th section also being 4th Greater Distance Club. I

never thought this pigeon would ever race again as a two year old he was picked up in Bedhampton with a damaged wing, but as you can see it healed very well”.



Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales 1st WS BICC St Vincent International 2019

First West Section were Treetops Lofts consisting of Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales, who timed their blue cock GB16F02455 to be 1st West Section, 11th Open BICC St Vincent. The three year old cock was bred by Neil Sales from his Alwyn Hill and Chris Gordon bloodlines, also scored 7th West Section, 80th Open BICC Pau. The preparation for these two international races was three tosses to Hamworthy, Poole during April before racing with CSCFC from Coutances, another toss from Hamworthy, BICC Cholet and finally NFC Messac. The cock was not paired up just put with a hen about an hour before basketing and as with all the birds in the loft, he was fed on Matador corn, increasing the heaviness of the feed to suit the distance required. The Treetops team would like to congratulate Mark Gilbert and everyone who timed their pigeons. Second west section was Geoff & Catherine Cooper with a two year old cock called “Farm All Four” flying widowhood. This cock had previously flown all the BICC National channel races and this was his first International race. His sire is a son of “Farmer George” and “Wollongong” with his dam being a daughter of “New Laureaat” and “Kliene Jade”. He is also a nest brother to the cock that won 4th

National from Cholet for the partnership. They would like to convey their congratulations to the winners, also Clive, Jill and Neil for winning the section, they are tireless workers for the sport and it's good to see them do well.

Third west section was Brooks Bros & Wilcox who said "Our 3rd West Section St Vincent is one of favourite pigeons called the "Show Hen". She won the show in November at the High Littleton Show and we had high hopes then as her condition has been excellent. She was fresh when she landed and bred from the base of the original Brooks Brothers blood cultivated by Trosky and Harry Brooks before being handed to the safe hands of Rob. This hen goes back to the original Fear Brothers lines and principal breeder Chuckles who won 9th Open NFC Pau on the day".